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LOAFING—Loafing a little before mid-term exams at Robert Morris Junior College in Pittsburgh, Pa., are Debbie Caley, left of Finleyville, Pa., and Jeaneen Powers of Edgewood, Pa., freshmen at the school who cut up by sawing through a 12-pound loaf of bread they found on the street in front of the college. (UPI Telephoto)

Questions and Answers

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Q. My husband and I receive social security benefits on his work record. We may be divorced soon. Will this stop my checks?

A. If you are over 62 and have been married to your husband for at least 20 continuous years, the divorce will not terminate your payments. Notify your social security office when the divorce is final.

Q. I received a Medicare card shortly after I filed a social security claim in 1966. I have not received any monthly benefits because I am still working and earning too much. My wife was 65 last month. Why didn't she receive a Medicare card?

A. She needs to file an application for wife's benefits to qualify for medicare benefits. This is true even though no monthly benefits will be payable because of your earnings.

Q. I am 55 years old, and I am not able to work because of heart trouble. If I apply for benefits now, how much will they be reduced?

A. Disability insurance benefits on your own account are not reduced. They are the same amount you would receive if you were now age 65 instead of disabled. Disability benefits start after you have been disabled for six months and may continue until age 65 if you remain disabled that long.

Q. This is the first year for me to receive social security retirement insurance. Must I pay income tax on these payments?

A. No. Social security insurance payments are not subject to income tax.

Send your inquiries to P. O. Box 3427, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Pueblo Inquiry To Resume

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — Lloyd Mark "Pete" Bucher kicked some pipe fittings, swore and hurled a coffee cup at the North Korean gunboat coming alongside the USS Pueblo.

He told a court of inquiry, which resumes Monday after a five-day recess, about booing the pipes and about his sailor's language. But he saved the story about the coffee cup to tell a friend.

Bucher grabbed the cup from the Pueblo's bridge and flung it across a chunk of the Sea of Japan. It shattered on the deck of the gunboat.

"It was a study in frustration," says Lt. Cmdr. Alan Hemphill, a close friend who once served with Bucher, Hemphill thinks there is a growing misconception about the skipper who surrendered his ship, refusing in 11 months of captivity for the crew.

"He's being pictured as a humanitarian, sort of a good guy Charlie Brown who'd give up his ship no matter what to keep his men from getting hurt," says Hemphill.

Bucher was indeed deeply torn between the loss of his vessel, the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo, and the safety of his men, says Hemphill.

Bucher told the court he passed the word, "Prepare to receive the Koreans aboard," to prevent the slaughter of his crew.

And it wasn't until the North Koreans threatened to shoot his men in front of him, one by one starting with the youngest, Bucher said, that he decided to "confess" to spying.

"But," says Hemphill, "those were rational decisions that Pete Bucher made. He decided that the lives of his men would buy him nothing.

"He could have compromised in his decision. He could have let them kill, say, 20 of his men or more. But he knew they would have taken his ship anyway.

"He had seen how they tortured a South Korean, and he knew he would have signed a confession eventually. They would have broken him, me, anybody. What would you buy by allowing your men to be shot? That wouldn't have been rational.

"Pete made a rational decision, one I think any officer would have made, including the admirals, even those crusty old types who say he should have gone down to the last man."

There's no second or third place for Pete Bucher, says Hemphill. "There are only winners and losers. He's a naval officer who loves to win.

"And that's why the last thing he did, and he didn't say this in court, was that he threw his coffee cup at them. It was a study in frustration."

Hemphill has known Bucher since they served on the submarine Ronquil in 1962. Bucher

STORM KILLS FIVE

SEOUL, South Korea (UPI)— A heavy snowstorm which battered central Korea for five days finally abated Sunday leaving five persons dead and 36 injured. The snowstorm, the worst in Korea in decades, caused about $280,000 worth of damage.

To Attend Meet

PALESTINE (Spl.) — A delegation from the Palestine Chamber of Commerce planning to attend a meeting of the East Texas C. of C. in Nacogdoches Feb. 6-7 includes E. D. Cleveland, interim manager; K. A. Anderson, Chamber president; R. L. Kenderdine, L. E. Foster, Maurice Ronson, Bill Wilson, and Wayne Sellars.

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Urban Affairs Adviser Says Cash Will Solve Problems

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Daniel Patrick Moynihan, President Nixon's urban affairs adviser, said Sunday it will take "cold cash" to solve the problems of America's cities.

Moynihan, who made it clear he was not necessarily putting forward any Nixon administration proposals, suggested that one step in curing the nation's urban ills was a federally financed program of family, or children's allowances.

He estimated such a program would cost about $9 billion annually.

Appearing on a television interview program (Metromedia's Evans-Novak Report), Moynihan rejected the notion that the racial issue was a major factor in the problem of the cities.

In fact, he said, if the racial issue disappeared the cities would hardly be affected.

"The deep problem is poverty which does not know color lines," he said. "We have deep problems of decayed inner cities. We have problems of tax structures which provide affluent suburbs and exhausted centers. We have a lot of problems we don't understand and they are not simply race problems."

Moynihan, one of the few Democrats in the top echelon of the Republican administration, heads Nixon's cabinet-level Council on Urban Affairs. In 1964 he wrote a politically explosive report that blamed disintegration of the Negro family for many of the social problems facing the Negro in America.

In the interview, Moynihan subordinated the race issue.

"I believe it is fundamental to be clear that many of the problems we now associate with black Americans are simply problems of poor Americans and Americans who don't have a stable place in the employment market," he said.

On the question of poverty itself, Moynihan said: "I'm sort of a fundamentalist on this. I feel the problem of the poor people is they don't have enough money and I would put my faith in any effort that put more resources into the hands of those that don't now have them.

"Cold cash—it's a surprisingly good cure for a lot of social ills," he said.

An example of the use of federal funds in this area, he said, was his family allowance plan, in which families would receive a specified amount monthly for each school-aged child.

"We're the only industrial democracy in the world that doesn't have a system of children's allowances whereby families raise their children during that crunch that comes when you try to buy shoes and piano lessons and dentists and dancing lessons and have just some extra money for them," he said.

"The thing is, you stop this business of calling every decent provision for people who are entitled to support—minor children, and such—a hand-out. It's not a hand-out, it's an investment in the human resources that ultimately determine whether or not this is a healthy, stable, prosperous, happy country."

'Good Neighbor' Policy Boosted By Students

ATHENS (Spl.)—The residents of Purvenir area of Texas on the Rio Grande River both on the Texas and Mexican sides had a lesson in the good neighbor policy in action during the "work break" of the mid-winter vacation of Baptist Student Union members of Henderson County Junior College.

Thirty-one students, three college instructors and John La-Noue, BSU director, spent four days camping on the river. In the group were Annie Powell, Mary Taylor, Judy Massey and Cindy Bonner of Athens, Bill Gibbs and Bobby Stout of Palestine, David Kimbrough of Frankston, and Jan Greenwalt of Seagoville.

Divided into three work parties, they crossed into Mexico each morning and laid adobe brick at El Comedor Mission, poured a concrete floor and finished three-fourths of the ceiling at the Pilares Mission, and at Purvenir they rebuilt and roofed a barn.

The girls planned and cooked meals and helped with construction. Tools were borrowed from the students' families and each student paid $10 for the 1,400 mile trip. The Henderson County Baptist Associational Woman's Missionary Union gave more than $80 for the purchase of building material.

Amigos Internacionales, a group of Baptist laymen in Athens who built mobile medical and dental clinics for tours of indigent border areas, loaned the group one of their converted school buses. Jim Steenbergen of Malakoff, Bible teacher at HCJC, and LaNoue were the drivers. Steenbergen is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Malakoff.

The group plans another trip to the same area during the Easter holidays.

Gas Blast Test Held Underground

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — A blast described as "the largest controlled gas explosion ever detonated anywhere" was touched off Sunday in an underground salt cavern. It packed the punch of about 315 tons of TNT.

Officials said there were no tremors or noise about a mile from the blast site. But residents of house trailers in the area reported a slight shaking.

The methane gas blast simulating a nuclear explosion was the first in a planned series of three controlled experiments of the Defense Department's Project Miracle Play. Seismographic reactions will be studied to improve the detecting and locating of nuclear detonations.

The blast was touched off at 7:32 a.m. CST in the Atomic Energy Commission's Tatum salt dome 2,700 feet underground in rural Lamar County.

A salt cavity was filled with 40 per cent methane and 60 per cent oxygen, plugged with 400 feet of cement and capped with sand to the surface.

Malakoff Church Sets Bible Study

TRINIDAD (Spl.) — The First Baptist Church of Malakoff will hold a three day Bible Study Feb. 7-10.

Courses will be offered for Young People and adults, juniors, primaries, beginners and nursery children.

The church voted at the January business meeting to adopt the $31,981 operating budget presented by the church budget committee.

Peanut Clinic Plans Outlined

GRAPEL . .) (Spl.) the annual Anders . . . County Peanut Clinic . . . Barbecue will be held Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Grapeland High School, according to plans for the event made by the Field Crops Committee here Friday.

Some 15 attended from the two counties, and named Wayne Pennington of Grapeland general chairman for the affair.

The Grapeland and Elkhart banks and the East Texas Production Credit Association will provide the barbecue. Some 700 persons are expected to attend.

Subjects for discussion will deal with fertilization, chemical weed control, disease and insect control, irrigation, harvesting and curing. Speakers will be qualified specialists.

New Committee Is Selected For Scout District

HAWKINS — At its annual scouter's recognitions banquet held at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, the T. J. Austin District of the East Texas area Boy Scout Council presented its District Committee for 1969.

Those named for th . year are: C. W. Clift (Hawkins), district chairman; Patrick Turner (Gilmer), Horace Hall (Hawkins), Fred Williams (Tyler), vice-chairman; R. S. Austin (Tyler), commissioner; and A. P. Rettig (Tyler), advancement chairman.

Also, James George (Tyler), camping and activities; D. L. Brooks (Tyler), finance committee; Rev. J. D. Epps (Tyler), health and safety; Anthony Robinson (Hawkins), leadership training; Andrew Melontree (Tyler), organization and extension; and Simon Edwards (Hawkins), public relations.

The district committee is the governing body for scouting in the district (Smith, Wood, and Upshur counties). In the same sense that trustees regulate the affairs of the church or school district.

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